

DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1864.

View of the sad calamity which has fallen upon our country by the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, the President of the United States of America. It becomes us as a people to humble ourselves before a merciful God, and pray that the sin of our people, which has culminated in such great crime, be forgiven and purged from our iniquity and be again received into the fold of peace and unity ourselves.

For this purpose Thursday, the 25th day of April, 1864, is hereby appointed as a day of fast, humiliation, and prayer.

In that day the people of Kentucky are invited to suspend all secular business, and at noon hour for service attend their respective places of worship, and engage in the solemn and devout observance of the day as a day for humbling and abstaining from all in this our day.

THOMAS E. BRAMBLETT,

Governor of Kentucky.

EXTRAORDINARY J. J. SMITH.—This will be well received, we are told, in Point of the Potomac twenty miles below this, about the 25th of February, for a number of the State Guard. He was shot at the time of his capture. He was before the Military Commission now in custody, and found guilty of treason. He was sentenced to be hanged on the 19th of this month, but was reprieved by General Palmer, who said he would adduce some evidence of good character, even if it were to his detriment. It was his opinion of Gen. Palmer to condemn him. His execution was to take place on the 27th, in the Military Prison.

For the last five weeks the prisoner received religious consolation from Father Brady, the Catholic Church. He was baptized and his first communion in the prison, and spiritual advice was given to him. He was greatly pleased to receive this.

The persons who were admitted with him to witness the service. Very few persons were admitted in the enclosure. A minute before 4 o'clock, three companies of the 30th Wisconsin formed a hollow square around the gallows. This was construed as a signal to the spectators. Very few persons were admitted in the enclosure. A

The gallows was marched to the gallows, accompanied by Father Brady. All eyes of the spectators were passed. He was received by the prisoner personally. He was a young man, about eighteen years of age, the mother of his full, full, and small eyes.

He sat on a high stool, a wooden chair, with others in removing heavy bridge locks, and a large bell, the gallows, and was

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